

### When to Pray

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The time when you are tempted not to pray is most likely the very time when your need of prayer is greatest. If your mind is full of secular cares, and your hands are burdened with many and difficult tasks, you can not afford to dispense with the benefits which come from frequent communings with God. Under such circumstances, if you are a wise Christian, you will say to yourself: "My danger is much increased. Therefore I will keep close to the only source of my help and strength." As long as the vital bond of your fellowship with the Eternal remains unbroken, the world, the flesh and the devil will seek in vain to sway you from your moral steadfastness. It is only when you forget to converse with the Father of your spirit that you run the risk of falling away from the firm standing ground of your integrity. Lay this thought to your heart, and do not fail to act upon it.

### Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour?

Charles E. Jefferson.

Sympathy warms and feeds the heart. It is fellow healing. It is feeling in company with another. Every true man needs it. It is tonic. It is life. Without sympathy the minister sickens and starves. The nobler the man the more dependent he is on human companionship and love. Coarse and callous men are indifferent to environment, but men of fine sensibilities faint and fall unless braced by hearts which love them. There is nothing more pathetic in the Gospels than Jesus' question to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

### Sabbath Rest

Mrs. M. A. Holt.

There is no rest in this world of toil and care quite so sweet as that connected with the holy Sabbath. This refreshes and strengthens both body and soul, while the week day rest only touches the physical life. The fact is that we forget God too much in the rush, fret and worry of the week, and if we seek for repose our work still employs our thoughts. When he is left out of our thoughts, we meet with eternal loss.

But when the Sabbath comes with its holy quiet we are led almost instinctively to God, and at the very door of the temple of rest we forget for a little time the care and the burden that have vexed us during the week. Here we meet our loving Father, and rest for a time in his presence. We see in this how forgiving he is and how compassionate, for he does not withhold his Spirit after our forgetting him all the week, and he comes the moment we reach out our tired, trembling hands. He evidently never lays up any thing against his thoughtless, wandering children, so when the sweet Sabbath comes we sit at his feet and rest in the sunlight of his presence.

It does not matter so much where we are if we only seek for his spirit. Perhaps the sanctuary is the best place, but if we cannot

always go there we may meet the Father in the quiet of our own home, or we may hold communion with him in the deep, dim forest, far from the haunts of men. We can hear his voice in the rustle of the leaves and see his face up in the deep blue spaces of the sky. It matters not whether nature is bright and beautiful, or whether it wears its autumnal robes, the great, sweet stillness of the Sabbath is in the forest sanctuary. The moaning winds and the dim gray skies bending over the storm-drenched land cannot touch the deeper peace within our soul. It is because the Master is there, and his Spirit always makes even the most desolate spaces in life sunny and beautiful.

Sad indeed our lives would be without this golden milestone that marks each week in the rounds of the silent year. Many a life would go out in darkness if the Sabbath light never fell upon it. Many a heart would ache and break in the fever and rush of the world if no Sabbath peace fell upon the tired soul. Indeed, the whole world would be a realm of death and darkness did not the great billows of Sabbath sunlight break over it.

May the blessed Sabbath forever bring its rest and peace to the tired soul of humanity! May its bells forever call earth's children to the holy sanctuary! May it forever be the day of days! Then shall the old world grow brighter in the march of the restless years, and at last the Sabbath angel shall wave his sceptre of eternal rest over each child of earth that has been true to God.

### Begin To-day

Phillips Brooks.

Is there nothing which Christ, as your Friend, your Lord, your Savior, wants you to do that you are leaving undone today? Do you doubt one instant, with His high and deep love for your soul, that He wants you to pray? And do you pray? Do you doubt for one instant it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all men about you who are His brethren? Are you doing anything like that? Do you doubt one instant that His will is that you should make life serious and lofty? Do you one instant doubt that He wants you to be pure in deed and word and thought? And are you pure? Do you doubt one instant that His command is for you openly to own Him and declare that you are His servants before all the world? And have you done it? These are the questions which make the whole matter clear. No, not in quiet lanes, nor in the bright temple courts, as once He spake, and not from blazing heavens as men sometimes seem to expect—not so does Christ speak to us. And yet He speaks here in my heart.

"What are all our cares and burdens?  
They are shadows dimly cast;  
They will fade and quickly vanish,  
If we hold our promise fast,  
We can smile at all our losses,  
We can welcome toil and pain:  
If we keep our pledge to Jesus,  
None of these will be in vain.  
Keep your covenant with Jesus,  
To your pledge be ever true,  
For he gave himself a ransom;  
Yes he died he died for you."

## The Mission Field

### Dayton Mission Items

Persecution and adversities met manfully by the truly Christian man or woman only strengthens their Christian fortitude—it makes the Christian life sweeter and purer. The Dayton Mission has passed thru its adversities and tho we recognized we were foiled for the time being, yet we never doubted our ability to succeed ultimately by God's help. When we seemed at our lowest ebb, we set about trying to secure a suitable place in which to worship and gather together the flock.

After some search we fortunately, by consent of the Ohio Home Mission Board entered into a contract with the Fourth Reformed Church of Conover St., Dayton, O., for the purchase of their beautiful little church—size of structure, 65 x 45 feet with an east and west wing each 16 x 20 feet. This church property is modern in all respects, centrally located for our membership. It is comparatively new and was contracted by us for the sum of \$2800.00, which is just about one half its real value.

This was not all to be done; we needed a pastor to help gather together the sheep that were wandering about—and to this end we appealed to the Ohio Home Mission Board, which resulted in the opening of a correspondence with Brother Z. T. Livengood of Lanark, Ill. However, during this interval the pulpit was filled respectively by Brethren J. L. Kimmel, Wm. Beachler, J. C. Mackey and Josiah Keim, to whom the mission owes a debt of gratitude for their kind messages of love and encouragement.

After some correspondence Brother Livengood consented to serve us as pastor for one month. He came to us the 28th of July, tho highly recommended, we feel that the half can not be told of this amiable, God-fearing man. He combines the elements or qualifications of an orator and pastor. He is not only a pastor to us, but seemingly a father. Brother Livengood did not come among us for a month's rest or vacation but by his untiring efforts has shown us he came to work, having between ninety and one hundred members, he is attempting to visit all, working up the interest and prevailing upon their attendance at church services and it is remarkable what success he is attaining.

Brother Livengood leads the prayer meeting and instructs at the teacher's meeting. I wish to say he is entirely at home as a teacher. Our work is harmonious here. The Sabbath school is growing and the general interest is very manifest.

Brother Livengood, as yet, has not consented to remain with us, because of family ties and personal interests at home. However we pray he may be able to arrange his affairs so as to give this field his labors.

We trust that Brother Livengood may receive the encouragement of all interested in the Dayton Mission and that the prayer of